

I claim:

1. A system for administrating over changes to a record shared by a plurality of users authorized to do so, comprising:

a resource to officiate over an official version of the record and to communicate with the plurality of users over a medium for non-persistent communications;

in response to a request of a given user, a communication by the resource sending a copy of the official version;

in consequence of a return by the given user of an original edition of the sent copy as well as a request to effect given changes, the resource comparing the returned original edition of the sent copy to the official version so if in case of a match the resource effects the given changes to the official version, else not.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the request to effect given changes comprises a changed edition of the sent copy and the resource effecting the given changes to the official version comprises replacing the official version with the changed edition.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein official version of the record is stored on storage devices administrated over or accessible to the resource.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the system activity of the resource comparing for a match comprises any of bit-by-bit comparison in full or in part, or a count-and-sum word comparison, or another algorithm for substantial identity.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein the system activity of else not further comprises informing the given user of the failure to effect the given changes.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the resource comprises a server domain on the Internet global computer information network.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein the medium for non-persistent communications includes the Internet global computer information network.

8. A method for administrating over changes to a record shared by a plurality of users authorized to do so, comprising the steps of:

providing a resource to officiate over an official version of the record and to communicate with the plurality of users over a medium for non-persistent communications;

in response to a request of a given user, the resource sending the given user a copy of the official version and storing another copy in storage as associated with the given user;

in consequence of a return by the given user of a request to effect given changes, the resource comparing the stored copy associated with the given user to the official version so if in case of a match the resource effects the given changes to the official version, else not.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein storing said other copy in storage comprises either storing said other copy on a device of the given user's or else on another device including any devices administrated over or accessible to the resource.

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10. The method of claim 8 wherein said resource converts said other copy into a changed format before storing in storage, including any of count-and-sum word values or abbreviated formats.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the step of the resource comparing the stored copy associated with the given user to the official version comprises either the resource re-storing the stored copy from the changed format or converting a copy of the official version into the changed format.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of the resource comparing for a match comprises any of bit-by-bit comparison in full or in part, a count-and-sum word comparison, or another algorithm for substantial identity.

13. The method of claim 8 wherein the request to effect given changes comprises a changed edition of the one copy and the resource effecting the given changes to the official version comprises replacing the official version with the changed edition.

14. The method of claim 8 wherein the step of else not further comprises informing the given user of the failure to effect the given changes.

15. A method for administrating over changes to a record shared by a plurality of users authorized to do so, comprising the steps of:

providing a resource to officiate over an official version of the record and to communicate with the plurality of users over a medium for non-persistent communications;

in response to a request of a given user, the resource sending the given user a use copy of the official version as well as a transparent or opaque copy;

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the given user accepting the use and transparent or opaque copies of the official version and thereafter applying to change the official version by returning the transparent or opaque copy of the official version as well as a request to effect changes;

the resource accepting the returned transparent or opaque copy of the official version as well as the request to effect changes and comparing the returned transparent or opaque copy to the official version so if in case of a match the resource effects the given changes to the official version, else not.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein accepting said transparent or opaque copy of the official version comprises the given user accepting a cookie.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein said resource converts said transparent or opaque copy of the official version into a changed format before sending, which changed format can include any of count-and-sum word values or encrypted or abbreviated formats.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the step of the resource comparing the returned transparent or opaque copy of the official version comprises either the resource restoring the returned transparent or opaque copy of the official version from the changed format or converting a copy of the official version into the changed format.

19. The method of claim 15 wherein the request to effect given changes comprises a changed edition of the use copy and the resource effecting the given changes to the official version comprises replacing the official version with the changed edition.

20. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of else not further comprises informing the given user of the failure to effect the given changes.